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1931 Catalog

# UNION PLANT CO. / INC.

TEXARKANA, ARK.-TEX.

"IN  
**UNION**  
(Plants)  
*There is*  
**Strength**

**PLANTS**  
*and*  
**FRIENDS**  
*that*  
**GROW!**



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PLANTS

# 575,000,000 Plants Are Offered You!!

Here we are back again to greet our old friends, and meet new ones!  
**HOWDY!**

This year we have available over half a billion plants, proving our ability to serve you, and showing we are definitely THE plant people, and not merely a "back-lot" proposition. 210 acres devoted to cabbage plants alone!

These 575,000,000 plants include some 250,000,000 onion plants, 200,000,000 cabbage plants, of which we are among the world's largest growers, 100,000,000 tomato plants, and 25,000,000 miscellaneous plants that we grow and sell. You may have the fullest confidence in dealing with us—a Company selling plants **exclusively**. Come join our large and happy family of regular customers. Satisfaction guaranteed!

## Proof of "Plants and Friends That Grow"

Sherburn, Minnesota, May 14, 1930.

"The cabbage and onion plants arrived yesterday, May 13th, and in good condition."

Ambros Theobald.

Tipton, Indiana, May 5, 1930.

"Duplicate order of cabbage received in fine condition. The plants were fine stalky fellows and are starting off in fine shape."

"I appreciate the interest you manifest in getting good plants to your customers."

W. C. Achenbach.

Miami, Oklahoma, May 9, 1930.

"Received those cabbage plants. All O. K. Many thanks for them."

Mrs. L. F. Smith.

Beloit, Wisconsin, May 19, 1930.

"I received the onion plants you replaced. They arrived in fine shape. Not one in a hundred would have replaced them like you did. I am well satisfied. And am thanking you for your fair dealing."

E. A. Roth.

Virginia, Nebraska, April 30, 1930.

"We received the cabbage plants. The plants were in fine shape. They look as though every one ought to grow. We are well pleased with these nice cabbage plants."

Mrs. Clarence Larsen.

Ponca City, Oklahoma, April 19, 1930.

"My shipment of plants came in fine shape and I thank you for the liberal adjustment, also for the careful wrapping and labeling of these plants."

C. C. Williams.

Gackle, North Dakota, April 29, 1930.

"Just received the tomato plants and many thanks. They were nice."

Mrs. I. N. Lee.

Monteagle, Tennessee, April 21, 1930.

"I wish to thank you for your promptness. The last shipment of plants arrived in good condition and certainly appreciate them."

Bessie O. Brougher.

If you have no use for this Catalog—please give it to someone who has!

## Harvesting one of our Fields of Onion Plants



*"In Union (Plants) There Is Strength"*



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# Frost-Proof Cabbage Plants

## Backed by a Reputation of 13 Years

If you read the SATURDAY EVENING POST, and other National Magazines, you can see how Sauer Kraut is advertised. If you could check up various homes and cafes in your nearby cities, you would learn of the possibility of Kraut Juice. Medical Science has stated that Sauer Kraut and Kraut Juice are most healthful, and the advertising and demand has materially increased the market for cabbage. Consequently, better opportunities for you to plant them for plenty of profit.

Why not consider cabbages as a major, or at least a good sized crop? Home-made Sauer Kraut has a good local market, but cabbages themselves are easy to sell at a good price, and they grow well in all parts of the United States.

But whatever you do, plant good plants. Why take a chance of wasting your time, land and money with poor ones? UNION Cabbage Plants are frostproof, grown by the millions, **in open fields**. They have well developed root systems! Our experience and reputation have taught us how to grow, pack and ship them.

We have our plants picked individually (not by the hands full). They are then tied in bunches of 50 and the roots packed in damp moss, then wrapped in wax paper to hold the moisture. All this care is taken, that you may have the highest quality of plants.

Our plants are subjected to frost and freeze—so they are hardy and FROST-PROOF. We have had them stand a temperature of 10 degrees above zero without injury.

Be on the market early and get the top prices. Plant UNION PLANT FROST-PROOF CABBAGE PLANTS NOW!

### GUARANTEE

If the increased yield of headed Cabbage from our plants, compared with the yield from cheaper plants of same varieties sold by others, planted at the same time and grown under the same conditions, is not worth more than the difference in cost, we will refund the entire purchase price. There is a reputation of over 13 years of honest dealing behind this guarantee.

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Large Flat Dutch Cabbage

*"Plants and Friends That Grow"*

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# Correct Way to Plant and Grow Cabbage—

If you have it, select a piece of dark, medium low, well drained land; break it up as thoroughly as you can, then pulverize well with a good clod-breaker or harrow. Lay off your rows thirty inches apart. Make up your bed by throwing two furrows together with a turn plow. Firm this bed by running heavy roller down same; set plants 16 inches apart, well down in soil so that plants have the entire stem up to the first leaves covered with soil. If stem is left exposed, freezing weather will cause it to split, maggots get in these splits and eat up through the stem and destroy the bud. Be sure and pack the soil good and tight about the roots and stem of plant. These plants should not be fertilized at all until two weeks before your regular spring weather opens up. The land must be rich for growing early vegetable crops, it being best to apply fertilizer in spring even though plants are planted in winter. About two weeks before your regular spring weather opens up, take a turn plow and throw a furrow away from plants in each alternate row, running the plow as near the plants as possible in this furrow. Drill your fertilizer at the rate of one-half ton to the acre; two weeks later treat the other alley the same way. In covering the fertilizer be sure to work the soil under the leaves of the plant. After this time use your judgment; should the spring be wet, you want a high bed; if it be dry you want the ground as level as possible. Provided the instructions are followed, you can sit back and watch the finest crop of cabbage you have ever grown.

**TREATMENT OF PLANTS ON ARRIVAL**—If the plants cannot be set out the same day they are received, take them from the crate immediately, dip the roots in water and hill out into the ground, spreading the bunches out a little. **In no case should they be left in the crate.**

**TWICE AS MUCH CABBAGE PER ACRE**—We know how to produce good plants; you'll find no runts or weaklings among those you purchase; practically every one makes good. You'll easily get from 6 to 10 tons of Cabbage for each acre you plant.

When the plants come to you they look stunted and wilted, but don't bother about the appearance; plant all of them just the same. Place them in the ground a month before you'd set out home-grown plants, and then forget about them. Order now and be sure of Cabbage profits this season. Our guarantee protects you perfectly.



How to make money. Grow cabbages like these.

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# Varieties of Cabbage Plants

—READY TO SHIP—

**We Guarantee Safe Delivery of all Plants to you!**

They come to you in our special built crates which assures arrival in splendid condition. In bunches of 50—with roots packed in damp moss and wrapped in waxed paper.

**Copenhagen Market**—A big yielder, extra early. Fine round heads, averaging 8 pounds; very solid; small core. Plants are short-stemmed, heads being produced almost on the surface of ground. Ready for market as early as Jersey Wakefield and heavier yield per acre.

**Early Jersey Wakefield**—A favorite with market gardeners and truckers to grow for earliest Cabbage, both for home market and shipping. Makes compact, solid, blunt-pointed heads; small leaves, permitting close planting. Very hardy, not only to resist cold but other unfavorable conditions. Our plants are properly grown and selected with care.

**Charleston Large Type Wakefield**—Extra large, hardy, good shipper. A splendid strain of Jersey Wakefield, about a week later, with heads twice as large and weighing 8 to 12 pounds more. A good keeper and a strong favorite among southern growers as a main crop. May be planted as a second crop, to mature in autumn, if desired.

**Succession**—Largely a market growers' variety in many parts of the South, being used almost exclusively for shipping crops. Rather large size, well flattened on top. Firm and solid, a sure header and good shipper to North. Matures about ten days later than Early Summer and Early Flat Dutch, but nearly double their size.

**Large Late Flat Dutch**—An excellent keeping variety, more extensively grown for main crops than any other variety. This is one of the oldest varieties and needs no



**Healthy, Hardy, Frostproof Plants. Note the Roots**

recommendation. Heads large, broad, roundish flat; solid and of good quality, tender and fine grained. Resists heat splendidly.

**Early Flat Dutch**—One of the most reliable cabbages for early spring planting. Plants are short-stemmed, upright, and have comparatively few and short leaves, the rows can be set close together. Heads large, solid, crisp and tender. Excellent for home use and to follow Wakefield and Succession.

**Golden Acre**—An excellent cabbage, the most desirable and big money making variety for the market gardener or for home uses. The earliest round head cabbage. Very solid. Head is firm, crisp and solid with center of clear white. Outside color medium light green. Average weight is eight pounds. A splendid keeper.

**Glory of Enkhuizen**—This Cabbage is only 10 days later than the Jersey Wakefield, but heads twice as heavy, ball-shaped, thin ribbed, very firm, splendid keepers, and of excellent quality. The color is a pale green. In appearance the heads are those of a small Danish Ballhead. Plants grow very uniform in size and shape and always head.

## Prices on Cabbage Plants

Shipments from November 1st to

June 15th—Ready now

(By Parcel Post, Prepaid)

(All but the Prizehead)

100 Plants	.....\$0.50
200 Plants	..... <b>.75</b>
300 Plants	..... <b>1.00</b>
500 Plants	..... <b>1.25</b>
1,000 Plants	..... <b>2.00</b>
2,500 Plants	..... <b>4.50</b>
5,000 Plants and over, by express collect, per 1,000	..... <b>1.00</b>

Prices for Parcel Post shipments to thirty percent to above prices.

**SPECIAL FOR . . \$1.25**

200 Cabbage Plants any variety (except Prizehead), 500 Onion Plants any variety. Your selection or ours. Postpaid

Add 35c to all orders West of Denver, Colo.

## PRIZEHEAD Cabbage Plants

Our choicest variety, and premium cabbage plants. Produce wonderful cabbage with heads that grow to great size and of excellent quality. In a Prize Contest a few years ago, the three winners won by producing cabbages that weighed 16½, 16 and 15 pounds respectively. These fine cabbage plants cost a bit more but are worth it.

Sent by Parcel Post—Prepaid: 100 plants, 60c; 200, \$1.00; 300, \$1.25; 500, \$2.00; 1,000, \$3.50; 5,000, \$15.00.

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**SPECIAL FOR . . \$1.75**

400 Cabbage Plants any variety (except Prizehead), 700 Onion Plants any variety. Your selection or ours. Postpaid

Add 55c to all orders West of Denver, Colo.

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New****Here's the latest!  
A new onion—the  
WHITE BEAUTY****grown and owned by Union  
Plant Company. Remem-  
ber the name and trade-  
mark!**

TRADE MARK

Registration Applied for

**The  
WHITE BEAUTY  
ONION****is the same as the  
Sweet Spanish  
Valencia, except  
that it is white. It  
is globe shaped  
like the Prizetaker.**

The **WHITE BEAUTY** is a good keeping white onion, and is sweet and mild. What more could be wanted in an onion that is not too strong, and that will keep? We are giving to the world this new white onion.

Because these are new onions we have not had the chance to produce them in enormous quantities, but are merely announcing them now for next year's sale, when they will be featured and become a regular part of our supply of onion plants. We merely want to "introduce" **THE WHITE BEAUTY** at this time.

## **The Correct Way to Grow Bermuda Onions—**

First—You will find the Onion Plant the easiest of all plants to grow. They will keep for weeks, after being pulled if not allowed to become Heated or Wet. (Keep them dry and give plenty of air if not ready to plant upon arrival.) Like everything that grows, the richer the land the heavier the yield. You will have very satisfactory results on all classes of soil.

Second—Prepare land the same as you would for any other truck. We prefer to plant in rows 14 to 16 inches and plant 4 inches apart in the row. If you do not have plenty of rain or irrigation, plant in 24-inch rows and 6 inches in the row for the best results.

Third—How to Plant: Sharpen a wood stick, making a hole about two inches deep, place the plant in as you withdraw the stick and press dirt firmly with stroke from stick.

Fourth—Cultivate very shallow as the onion roots grow near the surface and should not be disturbed. About all the cultivation needed is scratching to kill weeds.

Fifth—Best harvesting methods when about 60 percent of tops droop or are soft at neck, just above onion, pull them up, leave them lying in sun for two or three days, giving tops a chance to descend into the onion, thereby increasing in weight and firmness about 20 percent. After this is done place onions in cool place, with tops and roots cut off about one inch from onion. For keeping for home use, let tops and roots remain and tie in bunches and hang up in cool place. Be careful that the place is not full of light, for light will turn the Crystal Wax green, the light will not hurt the Yellows. You will find they will keep for months in this manner.

Our Bermuda Onion Plants make larger, more to the acre of ground, keep better and are cheaper than sets. They are not hot, and are sweeter and in every way ten to one better than Onions grown from sets. Try a thousand or more this year. You will never set out another set. Ask anyone who has tried them.

Onion Plants make quicker, sweeter, larger, keep better, not strong and hot, and make more to the square foot. They grow large and saucer-shaped. They have very small tops and make large onions. They are cheaper—\$1.00 worth of onion plants will set a much larger acreage than \$1.00 worth of sets.

*"Plants and Friends That Grow"*





# There's A Crying Need for Onions! Onion Plants Produce Sweeter— Bigger—Better Onions—



Packed in bunches of 100. Note the uniform size.

## “Union” Plants Produce Sweeter, Bigger and Better!

Let us make a recommendation, and know that it is sincere, for it is based on our own experience and that of others. Grow your onions **from the plants** instead of from sets. If you will do that, you will give them a better start for much larger onions and **sweeter ones, too.** You'll also have **MORE ONIONS!**

We also recommend our own plants for we know what they will do. They are grown in the open fields, where the frost does not get them, but where it is just cold enough to make them tough and ready for field setting. Plant Union Onion Plants for bigger, better, and sweeter onions.

**Shipments from November 1st to June 15th, but order now for immediate or advance shipments.**

## —Varieties— BERMUDAS

These Bermuda plants make quicker and yield large saucer-shaped onions, with very small tops and quite large onions—not hot and strong—and they keep.

**Yellow Bermuda**—Sometimes called White Bermuda, although it is a light yellow or straw colored onion. This is the better keeper because the light does not penetrate in the onion as with the white—thus a point in its favor.

It is a flat, very mild flavored variety of high quality. **An early onion.**

**White Crystal Wax**—A rather new variety. Large pure white flat onions, popular with southern onion growers. Mildest and sweetest of onions. Fine for slicing. This onion, however, is not as good a keeper as the Yellow Bermuda. This is also an early onion.

## SPANISH

**Prizetaker**—The King of the Yellow Onions, a big yielder and a sure cropper. The most productive and largest of all the yellow globe onions. Always grows to a uniform shape, which is a perfect globe. Invariably attracts attention on the markets on account of its size and beauty and is sure to bring a better price than other onions. They are even more attractive than the large Spanish onion in fact these are excellent substitutes. Plants grown from American-Grown seed.

**Sweet Spanish Valencia**—This onion develops a slightly larger globe than the Prizetaker. Has an extremely mild flavor. This onion has already established an important place in the commercial markets. Always grows to a uniform shape, and is one of the handsomest onions on the market. Unusually good shipping and keeping qualities. Will ripen down evenly. This onion is highly recommended for the Southwest.

## Prices on Onion Plants

(By Parcel Post, Paid—Ready Now)

500 Plants .....	\$0.75
1,000 Plants .....	1.25
6,000 Plants .....	6.00
6,000 Plants and over, by express collect, per 1,000.....	.75

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☞ We have a special made crate in which we ship all onion and cabbage plants. This assures safe arrival of plants in first class condition.



Prizetaker Onion

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# Union Plant Pepper Plants

**California Wonder**—This is a new variety which originated in California. It is one of the largest peppers grown and has remarkably thick and sweet flesh. Of excellent quality and a particularly heavy yielder.

**Chinese Giant—140 Days**—Large chunky peppers, bright scarlet when ripe, mild to eat, beauties to look at, 4 to 5 inches across and 4½ inches long.

**Bull Nose or Large Bell—120 Days**—Old standby. Large fruit, thick flesh, with broad end, almost square. Deep green when young, bright crimson when ripe. Mild flavor. Plants, 2 feet high.

**Ruby King—110 Days**—General favorite; most generally used. Longest of the largest! Brilliant red, 10 to 15 fruits to plant. Flavor sweetish; free from heat. Resists decay longer.

**Long Red Cayenne—100 Days**—Very hot, bright red pepper, long and slender. Fruit about 3 to 3½ inches long, ½ inch across at stem, end twisted to a point.



Ruby King Pepper

## Prices on Pepper Plants—Parcel Post Paid

READY ABOUT APRIL 1st

100 Plants .....	\$0.75	500 Plants .....	\$2.00
200 Plants .....	1.00	1,000 Plants .....	3.50

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# Union Plant Tomato Plants

Here are other fine plants you may need. Even though you may not be ready now, place order in advance for future delivery.

**Gulf State Market—100 Days**—Very productive; excellent shipper because of tough skin. Globular shape, free from cracks. Color, purple and pink. Hardy vine.

**Early Detroit—110 Days**—A smooth globular shaped tomato of good quality. Large, early, productive, solid variety, flesh purple.

**Greater Baltimore—110 Days**—Large, solid, round, red blemish-free fruits. Main-crop variety as fruiter. Stout vines. Continuous cropper. Very dependable.

**New Stone—115 Days**—Great favorite in all gardens; used extensively by commercial canners. Late sort. Productive—large, solid, bright red, smooth fruit. One of the most popular tomatoes.

**Livingston's Globe**—Very productive, extra good all-around tomato, distinct globe shape. Always smooth, firm-fleshed, few seeds. Color, purplish pink. A very good keeper.

**June Pink—90 Days**—The earliest pink variety on the market. Solid

fruit, borne in profusion. A large, red, smooth tomato, medium size, nearly round.

**McGee**—Of Texas origin. Bright crimson, solid, good flavor. Especially recommended for black land. Claimed to yield where other varieties fail.

**Earliana—90 Days**—The earliest, large, red, smooth tomato on the market. Healthy vines with small foliage. Very productive. Medium size fruits, nearly round. Popular with canners.

**Dwarf Champion or Tree**—Distinct in foliage and habit of growth, being compact and upright. Fruits smooth, early, and of beautiful purplish red color.

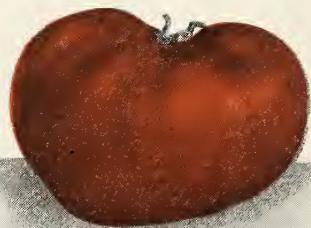
**Marglobe**—A cross between Livingston's Globe Tomato and a French variety by the name of Marvel. It is a bright red variety not only on the surface but all the way through. It is about the same size and shape of Livingston's Globe. One of the best features is that it is resistant to wilt and nail head rust disease. An excellent shipping and market variety. Has very small core.

## Prices on Tomato Plants Parcel Post Paid

Ready about April 1st.

100 plants .....	\$ 0.50
200 Plants .....	.75
300 Plants .....	1.00
500 Plants .....	1.50
1,000 Plants .....	2.50
5,000 Plants .....	11.50
5,000 Plants or over, by express collect, per thousand.....	1.50

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New Stone Tomato

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UNION PLANT CO.  
Texarkana, Arkansas

Date.....193..

Enclosed find \$.....for which send the following as listed below to my address by.....  
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# Yum Yum—Yams!

## Union Plant Sweet Potato Plants!

Another profitable crop is Sweet Potatoes, for people seem never to tire of eating them, and in fact they are constantly growing in popularity.

Sweet Potatoes prove to be a highly satisfactory crop, for they are easy to grow, cultivate and harvest, and are also easy to keep if you follow out the proper principles of curing and storing. They do not draw heavily on the fertility of the soil.



You'll find the UNION Sweet Potato Plants to be **free from disease** and well rooted. They are Texas State certified slips. Plants will be ready about April 1st, but please place orders now for future delivery. We shall ship as near the date as possible, and in the order received. Remember there's a big demand on us for our Sweet Potato Plants, so don't wait, but order now so you won't be disappointed.

**Porto Rico**—This is the most popular southern variety of sweet potato and is the most generally grown. Porto Ricos are moist potatoes and there's a big and steady demand for them.

**Nancy Hall**—This is another favorite southern sweet potato, almost equal in popularity and demand as the Porto Rico. A good and easy grower and shipper and highly marketable.

### PRICES

Parcel Post Paid—Ready about April 1st.

500 Plants .....	\$1.75	5,000 Plants .....	\$12.50
1,000 Plants .....	3.00	5,000 Plants and over, by ex-	
		press collect, per thousand...	2.00

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ONE OF OUR FIELDS OF FROST PROOF CABBAGE PLANTS



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# SPECIAL OFFER

So many people take advantage of our annual special offer. If you do, you'll save money, and if there are more plants than you can use, you'll be in position to make some money by selling the others to your neighbors, based on our small quantity price.

**1,000 ONION PLANTS AND  
400 CABBAGE PLANTS**

We'll ship you all these choice plants, of our own selection, or of any variety you may choose (except Prizehead Cabbage Plants) at this special price post-paid. Order this bargain assortment.

**\$2**  
POST-PAID

West of  
Denver, Col. **\$2.75**



**A NEW ONION**  
**White**  
**Sweet**  
**Mild**



**A Good Keeper** TRADE MARK  
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